

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize notable achievements
4 of citizens from the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Chicago Federation of Labor is the central
6 AFL-CIO labor council for Cook County, representing more than
7 300 unions and 500,000 workers; the 13 million-member AFL-CIO
8 is the leading advocate for working Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Dennis J. Gannon became only the ninth person
10 ever to serve as Chicago Federation of Labor (CFL) President
11 in the long-standing history of the organization as delegates
12 representing over 300 local unions in Cook County elected him
13 without opposition to a four-year term; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Gannon has served as the Chicago Federation
15 of Labor's Secretary-Treasurer since January of 1996 and in
16 1995 was the CFL Assistant to the President; and

17 WHEREAS, Before joining the Chicago Federation of Labor
18 in 1995, Mr. Gannon worked as a business representative for
19 Local 150 of the International Union of Operating Engineers
20 for five years; he was previously employed with the City of
21 Chicago's Bureau of Equipment as a hoisting engineer, was
22 eventually appointed assistant general foreman of hoisting
23 engineers for the City of Chicago's Department of Streets and
24 Sanitation, and later was named general foreman of hoisting
25 engineers; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Gannon was appointed to the Capital
27 Development Board in 1992, 1996, and 2000; Mr. Gannon was
28 appointed to the Illinois Human Resource Investment Council
29 in 1996 by Governor Edgar and was chosen by Governor Ryan to
30 serve on the Department of Labor Advisory Board in 2000; he
31 also serves as chairperson of the Amalgamated Bank Labor

1 Advisory Committee and the University of Illinois at Chicago
2 Labor Advisory Board and is a board member of the Chicago
3 Convention & Tourism Bureau, Jobs for Youth Council, and St.
4 Joseph College Seminary's Rerum Novarum Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Gannon serves on the Chicago
6 Public Schools Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee, appointed by
7 Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1995, and serves as a member of the
8 Welfare Reform Task Force, appointed by the Mayor and Cook
9 County Board President John Stroger; he also serves as the
10 President of the Michael Bruton Workplace Safety Foundation;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dennis Gannon is a graduate of St. Laurence High
13 School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana
14 State University; before becoming a hoisting engineer, he was
15 a high school teacher and coach; and

16 WHEREAS, Dennis Gannon resides in Orland Park with his
17 wife, Diane, and their two children, Matt and Colleen;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Dennis J. Gannon on becoming the ninth
22 president of the Chicago Federation of Labor; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Dennis J. Gannon as an expression of our esteem.